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1. [redacted] the Bulgarian Government intends shortly to remove bread and oil from the ration list.
2. Bread is at present rationed for everyone in Bulgaria to half a brown loaf per person per day, though some privileged classes may take a portion of their monthly allocation in white bread. The rationed cost of the brown loaf, which weighs a little under one kilogram, is 30 leva and the white loaf 50 leva. Bread is also legally obtainable on the free market at 80 leva per brown loaf and 150 leva for a white loaf. These prices will remain the same if bread is removed from the ration list.
3. Oil is at present rationed according to type of ration card held, the controlled price being 150 leva a liter. Only sunflower oil is available. The following scales are in force:

Class 1 ration card (Shockworkers, et cetera)	: 600 grams per month
Class 2 ration card (Children up to age of 18)	: 500 grams per month
Class 3 ration card (Office workers)	: 300 grams per month
Class 4 ration card (Unemployed, housewives, et cetera)	: 200 grams per month

Oil is also available at 750 leva per liter on the free market. This price would remain the same in the event that oil is no longer rationed.

4. [redacted] the price of sugar, which is not rationed but always in short supply, will be raised from 250 to 400 leva per kilogram.

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